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Media ID	Side	Start time	Subject
Tape 1	1	00:00:00	<i>Todd Gibbs: Western Kentucky University Hilltopper Halftime 3, 2, 1.</i>
Tape 1	1	00:00:08	<p><i>TG: Welcome to our On-Campus Halftime Program from Western Kentucky University, I'm Todd Gibbs. They are the Topperette dance team and they're becoming popular with WKU fans. The Topperettes started when a group of girls asked the university for permission to start a dance team. According to co-director Mary Gace Small.</i></p> <p><i>Mary Small: Several, several interested college students came to the university about '90 and expressed a desire to start this club. And so they got together, bought their own uniforms, practiced whenever they could like at six in the morning or ten at night when the facilities were available. Got some dances perfected and performed at about four basketball games in the '90 season.</i></p>
Tape 1	1	00:01:02	<p><i>TG: Since then the Topperettes have started performing at all football games and at nine basketball games both the men's and women's teams. Small says the university has been very supportive.</i></p> <p><i>MS: We're really supported with having a dance team here to add to the extra of a basketball game like this going out on the floor, you know, we're included with the cheerleaders now with going out on the floor and trying to stimulate the crowd to get behind the team and the school spirit. And that's been, I really like that part of it. And we're there as a backup I guess for the cheerleaders you know, with the sidelines.</i></p>
Tape 1	1	00:01:46	<p><i>TG: Small says the future looks very bright for the Topperettes.</i></p> <p><i>MS: What I'm thinking of, what I envision in the future is a squad of twenty that would perform for all the halftime at football games and then when basketball season rolled around divide those twenty into two squads of ten. Have one and have one at every home game. We wouldn't have, I don't see having a squad being designated as the men's squad and a squad being designated as the women's squad. I think I see them being interchanged and used equally.</i></p>
Tape 1	1	00:02:28	<i>TG: More than fifty girls tried out for the twenty member team. Small and Beth Bowen serve as directors of the squad. And that's our On-Campus Halftime Program from Western Kentucky University, I'm Todd Gibbs. Now stay tuned for the Hilltopper Halftime Show after this one minute fifteen second break. This is the Hilltopper Basketball Network.</i>